

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to *Streptococcus suis* infection in pigs, vaccines directed against those infections and tests for diagnosing *Streptococcus suis* infections. The invention provides an isolated or recombinant nucleic acid encoding a capsular gene cluster of *Streptococcus suis* or a gene or gene fragment derived thereof. The invention further provides a nucleic acid probe or primer allowing species or serotype-specific detection of *Streptococcus suis*. The invention also provides a *Streptococcus suis* antigen and vaccine derived thereof.

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